

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday August 7th 2005

First 50 MHz Licences issued in Hungary

Three experimental radio licences signed and issued this week for three amateur radio organisations permits restricted amateur radio usage of the 50 MHz band for the first time in Hungary for 65 stations. The licence is valid for a period of 30 days starting from the 1st of August 2005. The aim of the experiment is to study whether amateur radio usage of the 50 MHz band on a secondary basis causes interference in the reception of broadcasting stations. The frequency range permitted for the experiment is 50.050 - 50.500 MHz, and the licence is valid for all operating modes, including FM and digital modes. Maximum effective radiated power (ERP) however is limited to 5 Watts.

The original licence request was submitted by the Haros Radio Club (HA5HRK) in June 2005. It was preceded by intensive preparatory work, which included the studying of European licensing practices and the history of opening the band for amateur radio usage in countries with similar circumstances, the coexistence of amateur radio stations and broadcasting stations, propagation and other phenomena of the 50 MHz band. The licensing authority was very co-operative and decided to broaden the circle of stations in the experiment by inviting members of two other amateur radio organisations to participate.

All three organisations have submitted their lists of participating stations, and the three licences issued this week contain a total of 65 stations. The quick and positive response of the National Communications Authority is exemplary and reflects the authority's professional attitude and willingness for co-operation, which may in the future lead to a more general permission of amateur radio usage of the 6 metre band.

During the experiment, a beacon is planned to be operational on 50.050 MHz by HA5AK. Further information is available by e-mail to "info at hasix dot org".

SSB Field Day

The SSB Field Day will take place on the weekend of September the 3rd and 4th 2005. Now is the time for clubs and groups to be putting the plans in place. A central venue will be used if there is sufficient interest but stations will still be welcome to set up independently if they wish. It only takes two or three people to get up and running in the restricted section, so get that tent, caravan and generator organised.

GAREC 2005

The first Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications, GAREC 2005, conference was held in Tampere, Finland, on Monday and Tuesday 13th & 14th of June, organised under the auspices of the IARU. This was hosted by the Finland IARU member group SRAL with Seppo Sisättö OH1VR as organising chairman.

The Chairman for the Programme was Hans Zimmermann F/HB9AQS, IARU EC Co-ordinator. John, EI2GN represented the AREN group and the IRTS is now in the process of contributing to discussions on the Tampere frequencies. These are HF frequencies that may be used in the future as centres of activity for emergency communications. Members contributions are sought in order that a representative contribution can be made by Ireland to this discussion. IRTS, AREN members and interested parties should contact John at "ei2gn at ketch dot ie" or on 021-4323283 between 0900 hrs – 1700 hrs Monday to Friday.

ComReg

Through a recent operation, ComReg has come into possession of a couple of amateur transceivers. They are: Yaesu Model: FT-1500M with serial No. 0G082149 (this has a flat mobile mounting bracket still attached). An ADI Model AR-146 with serial No. 75D0120017. If anyone could shed some light on these transceivers or know where they originated, please contact Brian Whelan at ComReg by phone on 01 804 9605 or e-mail "brian dot Whelan at comreg dot ie".

Rally News

The Cork Radio Rally will be held in the Blarney Park Hotel on the 25th of September. Doors open at 11 a.m. Free parking plenty of things to do in Blarney this year as this year celebrates the Cork Capital of Culture. All enquiries about tables trading etc. should be made to Con on 086 1071312 or 021 4270136 email conmac@engineer.com.

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network Rally will be held on Sunday November the 20th at the usual venue, the Belmont Hotel, Knock. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Bookings for accommodation should be made directly with the hotel. The rate is 50 Euro per person with a special all-in rate of 70 Euro for Bed & Breakfast and evening meal. Traders should contact Padraic Baynes EI9JA for exhibition space.

The Waterford Rally will take place on the 16th of October 2005 in the McEniff, Ard Ri Hotel, Waterford. Traders confirmed to date are; Long Communications, South East Communications and Tetra Communications. Special room rates are available for those attending the rally; Bed and Breakfast for 2 nights plus one dinner is 89 Euro per person sharing. Bed and Breakfast for one night plus 1 dinner is 55 Euro per person sharing. A 19 Euro single supplement applies. For information or to reserve stalls contact Michael Hoban, EI5DCB on 051-873310.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Wednesday the 31st of August 2005 at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

Dates for your Diary

The Autumn leg of the IRTS 2 metre Counties contest will take place on the 28th of August between 1400 and 1600 hours local time.

The International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend will take place on the 20th and 21st of August 2005. A list of the stations with QTH and QSL information can be found at illw.net/2005_list.htm.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051 853806, evenings or weekends or 087 6302026 (any time). Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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